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Sharon Moffatt is the Chief of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at ASTHO. Her national level work includes Chair Elect for the National Forum Board for Heart Disease and Stroke and a Liaison to the Community Preventative Services Guide. Prior to this work, Sharon served as Commissioner of Health for the Vermont Department of Health for two years, in addition to serving as the Deputy Commissioner of Health for two Governors. As Commissioner, she led the state public-private executive committee in the strategic development and implementation of Vermont's health reform and in the summer of 2009 was appointed to the Vermont Health Reform Commission. Throughout her career, Sharon has lead policy and program planning in the areas of public health nursing, environmental health, refugee health, MCH, school health, and children's mental health. She has worked with a wide variety of health professionals and key community partners to systematically improve the health of our citizens.



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Dr. Michael Warren is the Director of the Division of Family Health and Wellness for the Tennessee Department of Health. Dr. Warren holds an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Wake Forest University and completed his medical school at East Carolina University. He completed his pediatrics residency and internship at Vanderbilt, where he also earned a Master's in Public Health during an Academic General Pediatrics fellowship. His thesis work was on preventive care for children with sickle cell disease. He worked as Medical Director for the Governor's Office of Children's Care Coordination from 2008-2010 while also serving on the clinical faculty of the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He joined the Department of Health in December 2010. He has been published in several peer-reviewed journals on topics including child advocacy, childhood obesity, and preventive care for children with sickle cell disease.



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Barbara O'Brien, RN, MS, began her nursing career in 1986 as a labor & delivery nurse and has devoted her entire nursing career to the care of mothers and newborns. Since 2002, she has worked at the Office of Perinatal

Quality Improvement at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City, the past 7 years as Program Director. This office provides continuing education and leads quality improvement activities within all Oklahoma birthing hospitals. Ms. O'Brien leads the facilitation of the hospital-based activities within the Preparing for a Lifetime; It's Everyone's Responsibility initiative to reduce the infant mortality rate in Oklahoma. Ms. O'Brien received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston School of Nursing and her Masters of Science from the University of Oklahoma College of Nursing.



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